

**WAYNE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD**

**April 28, 2016**

**B. Approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting**

## MINUTES

### WAYNE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Monday, December 8, 2014 – 2:00 p.m.

Commission Hearing Room 704, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226

A. Roll Call: 2:15 p.m.

The roll of the Board was called by the Clerk of the Board, Darcel Brown:

William J. Giovan (C)	- Present
William O'Neil (VC)	- Excused
Sidney Bogan	- Present
Anthony S. Guerriero	- Present
Daniel Martin	- Excused
William C. Schaefer	- Present
Stella Szczesny	- Excused

4 present, a quorum

B. Approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting.

**Board Member Bogan, supported by Board Member Guerriero, moved to approve the minutes.**

**The Board voted as follows:**

Yea --	Giovan, Schaefer, Bogan, Guerriero -- 4
Nay --	None
Abstain --	None
Not Voting --	None
Excused --	Martin, Szczesny, O'Neil -- 3

**Motion Carried.**

The Chairman provided the Clerk with sealed minutes that were recorded at the November 17, 2014 Ethics Board meeting.

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C. New Business

1. Ethics complaint alleging violation of sections 40-3 and 40.4(d) of the ethics ordinance. Complainant: Grace Johnson Respondents: Deborah Wendt.

Please note that a motion for closed session may be granted on the respondent's request for a closed session in accordance with the open meetings act.

Chairman William Giovan requested testimony from the Complainant and Respondents.

**Board Member Guerriero, supported by Board Member Bogan, moved to approve entering into Closed Session. Motion Carried.**

**The Board voted as follows:**

Yea -- Giovan, Schaefer, Bogan, Guerriero -- 4  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- Martin, Szczesny, Schaefer -- 3

The Board entered Closed Session at 2:18 p.m.

**Board Member Guerriero, supported by Board Member Bogan, moved to approve ending Closed Session. Motion Carried.**

Yea -- Giovan, Schaefer, Bogan, Guerriero -- 4  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- Martin, Szczesny, O'Neil -- 3

The Board came out of Closed Session at 3:47 p.m.

Chairman Giovan stated that the gentlemen was hired before the Ethics Ordinance was in effect; however, the hiring was influenced and the process was done by Ms. Wendt who violated the ordinance by doing so. He also stated that the Ethics Board found that Ms. Wendt had violated Section 4(c) of the Ethics Ordinance, which is the wrong section of the ordinance. The correct section of the ordinance is **40-4(d)(3)** which states: "A public servant shall not influence the decision to fill a position in Wayne County government with a person that is a relative or domestic partner of the county public servant".

**Board Member Guerriero, supported by Board Member Bogan, moved to find the respondent in violation 40-4(d)(3). Motion Carried.**

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Yea -- Giovan, Schaefer, Bogan, Guerriero -- 4  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- Martin, Szczesny, O'Neil -- 3

D. Such other matters as may properly be submitted before the Committee.

Chairman Giovan notified members that he sent them the pending amendments to the Ethics Ordinance.

E. Public Comments

Debroah Wendt stated that she believes that Ethics Ordinance needs to be made more accessible.

F. Adjournment

As no other business was presented, **Board Member Guerriero, supported by Board Member Bogan moved to adjourn, the time being 3:57 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darcel Brown  
Legislative Research Assistant

Attachments: Notice

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